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In re Application of:
Peter Schäfer et al.

§ Group Art Unit: **3683**

Serial No.: **09/853,014**

§ Examiner: **Melody M. Burch**

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§ Client Ref.: **K07456WO/US**

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PRELIMINARY RESPONSE

In response to the Advisory Action mailed November 6, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response expiring November 14, 2003. Thus, this response is considered to be filed timely. Applicants respectfully request that the amendments set forth below be entered and request reconsideration of the rejections set forth in the Office Action in light of these amendments and the remarks below.